



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:	Irfan Amanat, et al.	§	Confirmation No.: 8199
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FOR:	Apparatus and Method for Load Balancing	§	
	Among Data Communications Ports in	§	
	Automated Securities Trading Systems	§	

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 9, 2005

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 9, 2005, please reconsider the rejections in light of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and includes thirteen replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including thirteen replacement sheets of formal drawings is attached following page 13 of this paper.